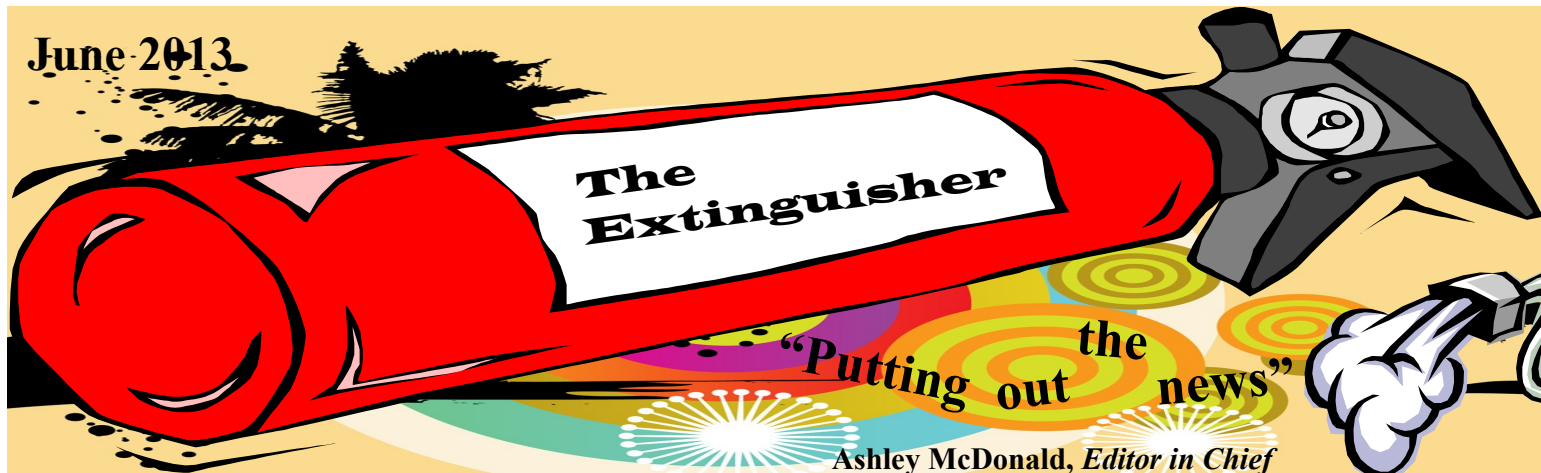


June 2013



## Birthdays

Tim Rowlett 6/2

Allen Swader 6/2

Clay Malone 6/7

Jonathan Gaither 6/11

Dustin Liddell 6/13

Jim White 6/16

John Avaritt 6/19

Randy Shaw 6/19

Jeff Irvin 6/20

Raleigh Marlin 6/23

Joe Pennington 6/24

Mark Brewer 6/27

Adam Brown 6/28

Troy Gannon 6/28

Mike Meeks 6/28

## LADDER 6 CREW RECEIVES COMMENDATIONS

Four personnel from Ladder 6 on C-Shift received commendation letters from Chief Cumbey Gaines for assisting Rutherford County EMS with a patient in cardiac arrest in April.

Captain David Sloan, Driver Kyle Cobb, and Firefighters Mike Meeks and Lucas Dearden were presented the letters on May 20.

The letter from Chief Gaines stated, "Due to the inter-agency teamwork...the patient survived." He went on to say, "Although it is not uncommon for Firefighters, EMTs, or Paramedics to save a life or provide exceptional service, we believe that it does not need to go unnoticed. It is also important for us to work together for the good of the citizens, and you exemplified that in your patient care."



**Pictured (L to R): Captain David Sloan, Driver Kyle Cobb, Firefighter Mike Meeks, and Firefighter Lucas Dearden.**

## KEITH PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN/SHIFT TRAINING OFFICER

Driver Mike Keith was promoted to Captain/Shift Training Officer on May 21.

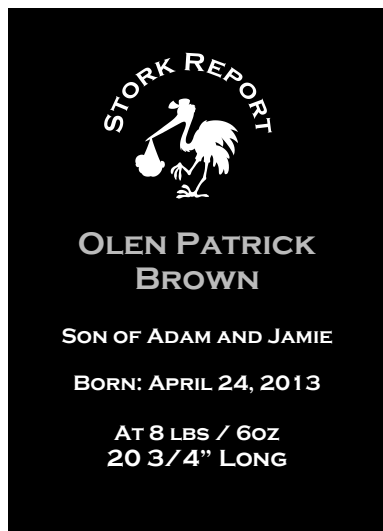
Keith has been with the department since December 2000 and has obtained several certifications over the course of his career. He has been an instructor for many classes within the department including: Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) Training, Extrication, and Firefighter Survival.

Keith has also been an instructor for the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy in Deason, Tennessee for 10 years and has accumulated over 10,600 contact hours with TFACA students.

Keith will join the two other Captain/Shift Training Officers, Bob Decker and Terry Smith, in responsibilities such as: performing the duties of a safety officer; planning, organizing; and implementing effective fire suppression and other training for fire personnel; scheduling and overseeing tests performed on fire engines, hoses, and hydrants; preparing and writing accurate reports relating to fires, personnel, injuries and accidents, investigations, records of station information, apparatus, and equipment--- just to name a few.

"With Mike's knowledge, background, and experience, we believe that he will be a great asset to the Training Division," said Allen Swader, Assistant Chief of Training. "We look forward to working with him."





## CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION TECHNICIANS

A total of 21 personnel became Child Safety Seat Technicians after completing a 3-day course at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy in Deason, Tennessee in May. After 2 1/2 days of classroom instruction, the final requirement of the class was a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station at Station 9 located at 802 Cason Lane.

The addition of these personnel takes MFRD to 46 total Child Safety Seat Technicians.

MFRD participates in several inspection stations throughout the year. You can also call Fire Administration at 893-1422 between 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday to schedule a child safety seat check. On the weekends, contact MFRD Headquarters at 849-2661.

*Please see next month's newsletter for pictures from the class!*

## RETIRED MFRD CAPTAIN PASSES



Retired MFRD Captain Lloyd Allen Davenport passed away in May after an extended illness.

Davenport began his career with the department in January 1972 as a Firefighter and retired in December 2000 as a Captain.

MFRD Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas officiated the funeral service.

MFRD Honor Guard, engine companies, and vehicles participated in the procession and at the grave site.

## FF OF THE MONTH

Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker has been named Firefighter of the Month for June 2013. Decker received this honor for taking on the workload



of Training Officer for all three shifts for the last month. Decker never complained and took on this responsibility with a smile.

Decker has been with the department since July 1987. Congratulations Bob!!!

## INSPECTION STATION OPPORTUNITY

### Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will be conducting Child Safety Seat Inspections at GFS Marketplace (465 N. Thompson Ln) Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

GFS will be providing snacks and drinks.

*Child Safety Seat checks teach parents how to install car seats and booster seats safely!*







## June Anniversaries

### 28 YEARS

Sam Benford  
Keith Bratcher

### 23 YEARS

Jeff Bratcher  
Keith Elrod  
Troy Gannon  
Guy Matthews  
Steve Melton  
Ronald Nobles  
Ted Pertiller  
Allen Swader  
Tim Swann  
Eugene Todd

### 19 YEARS

Bobby Canterbury  
Gary Hutchinson  
Nora Smith

### 14 YEARS

Israel Marcella  
Greg Robinson

### 12 YEARS

Brian Lowe  
Mike Meeks

### 10 YEARS

David Bricker  
Davey Ferrell  
Kenny McFarland  
Ray Robinson  
Jim White  
Mitchell Whittenburg  
Kyle Winnett

### 9 YEARS

Mark Brewer  
Karl Daigle  
Joel Patnode

### 1 YEAR

Chad Davis  
Kevin Defeo  
Matt Roeger  
Ashley Welcome

## STATE CERTIFICATIONS

Three MFRD personnel recently received certifications from the State of Tennessee. Firefighters Josh Jackson and Mitchell Whittenburg are now certified Fire Apparatus Operators and Firefighter Jamie Layhew has obtained Fire Department Instructor I.